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Serial No.: 10/673,597

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Excess Interconnect Material During
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2004 in the
above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following
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